

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended for form. Thus, no new matter is added.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

A. §102(b) Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 6-8

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over WO 01/15977 A2 to Schou ("Schou"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Schou does not teach or suggest every feature of claims 1-4 and 6-8. Schou does not disclose wherein the first coating is selected from among the group consisting of water-based and hardenable setting/varnish and the second coating is a paraffin coating, as recited in independent claim 1. Schou, at page 2, line 20 to page 3, line 5, merely discloses that one side of a cardboard is coated with wax or paraffin and with openings, and the opposite side is coated without any openings. Nowhere does Schou disclose the claimed first coating, which is selected from among the group consisting of water-based and hardenable/setting varnish on a first surface, and the claimed second coating, which is a paraffin coating, as recited in claim 1.

For at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Schou. Further, claims 2-4 and 6-8, which depend from claim 1, are also patentable over Schou, for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, as well as for additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

B. §103(a) Rejection of Claims 5 and 9-11

Claims 5 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Schou. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Schou does not teach or suggest every feature of independent claim 1. Claims 5 and 9-11 depend from claim 1. Therefore, claims 5 and 9-11 are

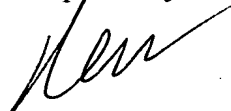
patentable over Schou for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, as well as for additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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